

CLAIM

1. An image forming apparatus, comprising:  
an apparatus main assembly, and  
5 a process cartridge detachably mountable to  
said apparatus main assembly, including driving force  
receiving means to be connected to driving means of  
said apparatus main assembly and a noncontact memory  
for noncontact data communication with receiving means  
10 of said apparatus main assembly,  
wherein said apparatus main assembly performs  
rotational drive of the drive means before reading  
out data from the noncontact memory.
- 15 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
the driving force receiving means and the noncontact  
memory are disposed on the same side of said process  
cartridge.
- 20 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
the rotational drive of the drive means exerts a force  
on said process cartridge in a direction of narrowing  
a gap between the receiving means and the noncontact  
memory.
- 25 4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
said apparatus main assembly includes open/close means

for being opened and closed at the time of mounting  
and demounting said process cartridge and an  
open/close detection member for detecting an  
open/close state of said open/close means, and  
5 performs rotational drive by the drive means when said  
open/close detection member detects that said  
open/close means is shifted from an open state to a  
close state.

10        5.    An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
said process cartridge includes a photosensitive  
member, which is rotated by a driving force received  
by the driving force receiving means.

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